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Mr. Russ Leadabrand
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Dear Mr. Leadabrand:

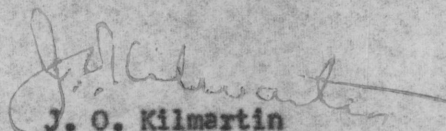
We are replying to your letter of December 21 in which you request the exact date that "San Gabriel Mountains" became the officially accepted name.

The Board on Geographic Names approved "San Gabriel Mountains" for official Federal usage on October 5, 1927. As published in the Sixth Report of the United States Geographic Board, 1890-1932, p. 666, the decision reads as follows:

San Gabriel Mountains: mountains, California, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, between Los Angeles plains and Mohave Desert, and extending from Cajon Pass westward to San Fernando Pass; lat. $34^{\circ}10'$ - $34^{\circ}30'$ N., long. $117^{\circ}30'$ - $118^{\circ}30'$ W. (Not: San Bernardino, Sierra Madre, nor Sierra San Gabriel.)

At the time this decision was made, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Geological Survey of California, and the California State Mining Bureau had consistently used "San Gabriel" for many years. A history of this name appears in California Place Names, Erwin G. Gudde, University of California Press, Berkeley and Los Angeles, 1960, p. 270.

Sincerely yours,


J. O. Kilmartin
Executive Secretary
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cc:
Map Names Unit (3)

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Department of Geographical Place Names
Department of Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen,

Can you please supply me with the exact date that the name "San Gabriel Mountains" was accepted as an official place name for the mountains here in Los Angeles County above Pasadena, Arcadia, Sierra Madre, etc.

I am the author of a book on these mountains and have been plagued since its publication to people who insist on calling the range the "Sierra Madre Mountains." I know that this was once the accepted name for the range but think that the Whitney Report recommended the change of the name and that it became official around in 1924 or 1927.

If it is necessary to photo stat any documents, I'll will be happy to pay for such prints to substatiate such verification of the name San Gabriel Mountains.

Thank you in advance for this help.

Sincerely,

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